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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 4, please replace the current reference to related application with the following reference to related applications:

-- Reference To Pending Prior Patent Applications

This is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/261,899, filed 10/01/02 by Paul Re et al. for APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE REPAIR OF ARTICULAR CARTILAGE DEFECTS, which in turn claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/326,293, filed 10/01/01 by Paul Re and Mark A. Johanson for APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE REPAIR OF ARTICULAR CARTILAGE DEFECTS (Attorney's Docket No. SCAN-1 PROV). --

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